

[4th March 1925]

A new proposal for collection of municipal taxes.

* 319 Q.—Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state and place on the table of the Council—

(a) a comparative statement of the amount of taxes collected during the periods of 1920 to 1922 and 1922 to 1924 ;

(b) whether there is a proposal or scheme whereby the collection of municipal taxes within the municipalities will be delegated to deputy collectors ;

(c) if so, the other proposals in connexion therewith ; and

(d) how long this scheme is under the contemplation of the Government ?

A.—(a) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to taxes collected by municipal councils. The councils collected the following amounts of taxes during 1920 to 1922 and 1922 to 1924 :—

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| 1920 to 1922 | ... | ... | ... | 81,47,209 |
| 1922 to 1924 | ... | ... | ... | 1,05,24,620 |

(b) to (d) The Government have no such proposals under their consideration.

Mangalore Taluk Board.

* 320 Q.—Mr. K. RAGHUCHANDRA BALLAL: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the President of the Mangalore Taluk Board in South Kanara was taken suddenly ill and unconscious in December 1924 and became incapacitated for discharging his duties as president ;

(b) whether, during such incapacity of the said president, the vice-president of the said board was performing the president's duties for a few days till the vice-president left Mangalore for Bombay ;

(c) whether it is a fact that during the absence of the vice-president, a letter was written purporting to have been communicated by the said president under his facsimile seal authorizing one of the members resident in the Mangalore town to perform all the duties of the president until the latter became free from the said incapacity or until the vice-president returned to Mangalore ;

(d) whether it is a fact that such authorization has not been recognized by the Treasury Deputy Collector of South Kanara and that as a consequence all payments of salaries payable to the several establishments under the said board have been withheld causing great distress to the recipients concerned ;

(e) whether it is a fact that the said president having died on 7th January 1925 all correspondence addressed to the President, Mangalore Taluk Board, now remains piled up and untouched by the said member whose powers under such delegation have not been recognized ;

(f) whether it is a fact that the president of the district board has not made any arrangements for the proper discharge, by any person duly and legally authorized, of the duties of President of the Mangalore Taluk Board ;

(g) the reasons for the non-interference of the said district board president in the circumstances of the case ; and